Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (original) A method for obtaining a status, wherein

a server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to said server computer, and

said client computer enables two-way communication and obtains status information of the printer via the server computer without depending on an operating system.

2. (original) The method for obtaining the status information as claimed in claim 1, wherein

said status information to be obtained is at least one of option information indicating whether a mountable option is mounted on said printer, version information regarding a version of said printer, and status displaying information regarding a status of said printer.

3. (original) A printer driver applicable to a system in which a server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to said server computer, comprising:

a unit to obtain status information of said printer by performing two-way communication with said server computer without depending on an operating system of said client computer.

4. (original) The printer driver as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

a unit to perform the two-way communication by using a language monitor of said

server computer as a server; and

a unit to make said two-way communication means to perform the two-way

communication without depending on an operating system.

5. (currently amended) The printer driver as claimed in claim 3 ~~or claim 4~~, wherein

the status information to be obtained by said printer driver is at least one of option

information indicating whether a mountable option is mounted on said printer, version

information regarding a version of said printer, and status displaying information regarding a

status of said printer.

6. (original) An information processing device applicable to a system in which a

server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to

said server computer, comprising:

a unit to obtain status information of said printer by performing two-way

communication with said server computer without depending on an operating system of said

information processing device.

7. (original) The information processing device as claimed in claim 6, further

comprising:

a unit to perform a two-way communication by using a language monitor of said

server computer as a server; and

a unit to make said two-way communication means to perform the two-way

communication without depending on an operating system of said information processing

device.

8. (currently amended) The information processing device as claimed in claim 6 ~~or~~

~~claim 7~~, wherein the status information to be obtained is at least one of option information

indicating whether a mountable option is mounted on said printer, version information

regarding a version of said printer, and status displaying information regarding a status of said

printer.

9. (new) The information processing device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the status

information to be obtained is at least one of option information indicating whether a

mountable option is mounted on said printer, version information regarding a version of said

printer, and status displaying information regarding a status of said printer.

10. (new) The printer driver as claimed in claim 4, wherein the status information to

be obtained by said printer driver is at least one of option information indicating whether a

mountable option is mounted on said printer, version information regarding a version of said

printer, and status displaying information regarding a status of said printer.